Remarks

This amendment is being submitted to delete all multiple dependencies from the claims prior to calculation of the filing fee.

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APPENDIX

The change(s) to the specification and/or claims are below shown by underscoring and bracketing.

In the Claims:

Claims 3-5, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 14 have been amended as follows:

 β . (Amended) A structure according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein the microholes have a diameter of less than 3-4 μ m.

/ 4 (Amended) A structure according to [any preceding claim] Claim 1, wherein the microholes have a polygonal or rhomboid form.

5. (Amended) A medical device comprising, at least in part, a structure according to [any preceding claim] Claim 1, the structure having microholes formed therein which are at least sufficiently large to permit the passage of plasma, for example, therethrough.

6. (Amended) A medical device according to [any preceding claim] Claim 5, wherein the structure is of titanium.

9. (Amended) A heat sink comprising a structure according to [any of claims 1 to 4] Claim 1, one end of said structure being capable of being affixed to a surface from which heat is to be conducted.

(Amended) A filter element comprising a laminar structure according to [any of claims 1 to 4] Claim 1 formed as a tube.

(Amended) A filter element according to claim 11 [or 12], wherein the laminar structure is arranged to facilitate cleaning of the filter element.

(Amended) A method of forming a laminar structure according [to any of claims 1 to 4] claim 1 comprising selectively depositing in a galvanic electroforming process a metal on a matrix arranged at the electroforming cathode to form said structure with a smooth surface formed with microholes meeting the first surface with a rounded or tapered configuration, the walls of said holes having rounded edges and diameters which formed in dependence upon the length of time the structure is placed in a galvanic bath used in said process and the desired thickness of the laminar structure.